

FISCAL NOTE

HB 148

February 5, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes offering to pay or paying the speeding citations of the purchasers of radar detectors an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977*. Violations will be punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action, and as a Class B misdemeanor. Currently, violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, fine only.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

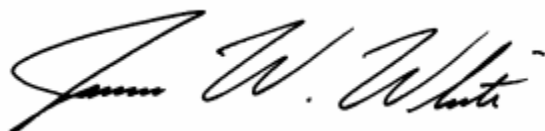
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- An increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties.
- An increase in state expenditures to implement and monitor the provisions of this bill.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions resulting in imprisonment for local governments to experience any significant increase in expenditures.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director